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NY NEW NAACP LEADER URGES 'NEW CLIMATE' IN WAKE OF VIOLENCE

By Rayner Pike
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Harlem massacre and the murder of a black couple in North Carolina should spur people to "create a different kind of climate that does not induce those acts, that does not, in some way, validate those acts," the new head of the NAACP said Thursday.

Rep. Kwame Mfume was asked at a news conference to comment on the racially charged arson and shooting that claimed eight lives at a white-owned Harlem store targeted by black boycotters.

"Justaposed against the backdrop of two soldiers committing another heinous act (it says to us that there's no regional lock on man's inhumanity to man)," said Mfume. He was referring to the murder of a black couple in North Carolina, allegedly slain by white soldiers stationed at Fort Bragg.

The Maryland Democrat, who will leave Congress in February to assume the post of president and chief executive officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, spoke at a briefing at the offices of Black Enterprise magazine.

He will be taking over an organization \$3.2 million in debt and under criticism as no longer relevant.

Mfume came to New York to reassure corporate and individual contributors that it's OK to support the venerable civil rights organization again. He pledged to manage the NAACP's money so that its "fiscal solvency will never be questioned by anyone again."

"It's all right to come back home to the NAACP both in terms of your giving and in terms of commitment," he said.

AFRICAN-AMERICANS COULD MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION

By Carl Hartman
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. aid official for Africa denied on Thursday that his mission to South Africa had shown too great a preference for African-Americans in recruiting personnel and awarding contracts.

"Yes, the mission recognized the specialized experience that African-Americans can bring to bear on the challenges of disadvantaged South Africa," John F. Hicks, assistant administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"But no, USAID/South Africa did not try to contract exclusively with African-Americans."

He said a report by AID Inspector General Jeffrey Rush did not find "illegal, exclusive or disproportionate preference for African-Americans."

The report, obtained by the Associated Press, said the U.S. program to aid South Africa was so driven to do business with black Americans that a USAID official resigned angrily after learning that a Chinese-American instead of a black had won a contract set aside for minorities. It said that employees at the U.S. mission in Pretoria graded employees in part on how well they recruited black Americans.

Hicks acknowledged that the mission had tried to restrict recruitment of two summer interns to African-Americans but said that in one case the restriction was removed, and in the other the recruitment was stopped.

LIFTING THE LIGHT THAT LASTS

FOUNDER'S ANNUAL KWANZAA MESSAGE

By Dr. Maulana Karenga



Dr. Maulana Karenga

This Kwanzaa season comes in the train of the Million Man March/Day of Absence which was by all standards a joint project of historic proportion and significance. The project will maintain enduring meaning, not only because it brought together in an impressive demonstration of resistance and affirmation, a million-plus men and women to Washington and millions more in parallel Day of Absence activities across the country, but also because of the principles it put forth and upheld. And as we light our candles this Kwanzaa, it is important to remember and meditate on the meaning of this ancient and instructive ritual in light of the Million Man March/Day of Absence and its significance for us as people, this country, and the world. To light the Kwanzaa candles is, above all, to lift the light that lasts, that is to say, to uphold life affirming and enduring principles, principles which reaffirm the good and dignity of life and which reinforce family, community and culture. This Kwanzaa ritual is a reflection of an ancient ethical tradition of lifting up the light that lasts in a social and practical way, and the Million Man March/Day of Absence and all our struggles for right, good and justice are expressions of this.

The lighting of the candles is a daily ritual during Kwanzaa, which symbolizes the lifting up of the light that lasts and reflects an ethical tradi-

tion other than the ritual itself.

Thus, in the ancient Egyptian sacred text, The Huxia, the vindicated one says, "I have driven away darkness so that light could be lifted up," to wit, "I spoke truth; I did justice, I protected the weak from the strong; I was a shelter for the needy; and I constantly searched after that which would be good for the future. The mishumaa saba, the Seven Candles which, we light, represent the Nguzo Saba, the seven principles which stand at the heart of the meaning and practice of Kwanzaa. These seven principles are Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity) and Imani (Faith). The candles are placed securely in the kinara, the candleholder, which is the symbol of our ancestry. And this expresses the rootedness of our principles in the way of the ancestors.

The colors of the candles are Black, Red and Green, symbolizing respectively our people, our struggle, the future, and the promise that comes through struggle. And so when we light these candles we pay homage to the Seven Principles, the history and culture in which they are rooted. Moreover, we lift up related principles which reaffirm and reinforce family, community, and culture. And it is this lasting light that links us to the transcendent and eternal. For it is an ancient teaching that the material

passes away but the spiritual and the ethical are enduring. Thus it is written: "We are given that which endures in the midst of that which is overthrown" (The Huxia). It is the best of this spiritual and ethical heritage that we must use to realize our special truth to the world and build the moral community, society and world we want to live in."

"The Million Man March/Day of Absence and Kwanzaa share this commitment to lifting up the light that lasts in several ways: First, both Kwanzaa and the Million Man March/Day of Absence reaffirm commitment to the best of our ethical tradition. The Mission Statement says this is an ancient and living tradition which requires respect for the dignity and rights of the human person, economic justice, meaningful political participation, shared power, cultural integrity, mutual respect of all peoples and uncompromising resistance to forces and structures which deny or limit these." Secondly, both Kwanzaa and the Million Man March/Day of Absence put emphasis on the centrality of family, community, culture and the need to practice principles of "equality, complementarity, mutual respect and shared responsibility in love, life, and struggle."

Thirdly, both Kwanzaa and the Million Man March/Day of Absence Mission Statement hold up the Seven Principles, the Nguzo Saba, as a central set of principles that reaffirm

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Sleigh Bells ring at Jerseyland



SCOTCH PLAINS—Santa arrives by sleigh at the Jerseyland Park Community Center driven by James Hamlette owner of Hamlette Disposal Inc., the oldest African American disposal company in the state. The horse and sleigh have been a tradition in the Hamlette family for over fifty years.

Sharpton refutes accusations

by Ron L. Holland

HARLEM, N.Y.—On Saturday December 16, hundreds of people walked through sleet, snow, wet, and ice, from West 134th Street to the 125th Street Rainbow Music Shop. They went with the Reverend Al Sharpton, his family and Reverend Timothy Mitchell to purchase condolence cards for the families of the eight victims, as well as for the gunman, the result of the tragic fire at Freddy's Fashion Mart.

The fire was allegedly caused by Roland Smith, a black protector, who is said to have participated in a protest of Freddy's Fashion Mart.

Protests began several months ago when Sikihulu Shange, the owner of the Record Shack and sub-leasee in the building, was asked to vacate his shop so that Freddy's Fashion Mart could expand. The United House of Prayer, a black church that rented space to Shange and Freddy's owner Fred Harari, gave permission to Harari to expand his shop and offered Shange a space three doors away.

A provision in Shange's lease that would have allowed its owner to take possession of Shange's shop with one month's notice gave rise to the protest. Reverend Sharpton, who's been accused of "fanning the flames of violence," tried to mediate the ongoing dispute. A video tape aired by several news stations showed that Sharpton had organized one protest rally and conversed with a store manager. Sharpton said that he made attempts to bring all interested parties to the table. As of this date, United House of Prayer, based in Washington D.C., has made no public comment.

The Rainbow Music Shop, with its narrow entrance and small space, could not accommodate the many who wanted to purchase condolence cards. Sharpton, his wife and two children purchased boxes of cards so that everyone would have an opportunity to sign. He said that if the family did not accept them, "history should record that we're all tried to do the right thing."

The eleven-block walk concluded with a gathering at Sharpton's 125th Street office where, in a separate room, people filed inside to put their signature on sympathy cards hopeful that the families would accept them.

During a press conference, Sharpton defended himself from accusations that his radio broadcast and a speech he made several months ago had incited violence to the community. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Police

Commissioner William Bratton have said that the incident was "racially motivated" and inferred that Sharpton, as an "outside agitator" was to blame. An investigation is now in place to determine Sharpton's role in the incident. Beth Gulinsky, of the Jewish Action Alliance, submitted a tape of Sharpton's weekly radio broadcast on 1600 WURL to several other news stations. Aired also was the snippet of a speech Sharpton gave during an October rally.

"We will not stand by and let them move this brother so that some white interloper can expand his business." Since then, Sharpton has said that "white interloper" does not equate with racism or anti-Semitism. He suggested "We All Talked" to Diamond and Bob Grant's rhetoric contributes to a racial climate. "Let's say that Smith is the person that did this (tragedy). How do we know that he was a racist? He was a Jew hater. He listened to WABC and that did it. Why does he have to listen to my show?" Sharpton said that on Monday he would deliver audiotapes of WABC's Bob Grant and Jay Diamond to the District Attorney's Office. He said the tapes contain disparaging remarks about black people by both Grant and Diamond. Sharpton said that there are instances on the tapes where Diamond and Grant make accusations of himself and a black newspaper. "I'm saying 'let's be consistent,'" Sharpton exclaimed. "This is the station that Giuliani goes on every Friday. He appears on Bob Grant's show as well as Bob Grant's, even though the governor of New Jersey (Christie Whitman) boycotted them."

Sharpton said that he is calling for Black and Jewish religious leaders to meet and set standards for talk radio. In response to Giuliani's charge that he was an "outside agitator" Sharpton said, "He (Giuliani) came here (Harlem) two or three times and he's not an outsider. I have an office here and hold a rally every week and I'm an outsider..." that's Rudiolegie!" Sharpton also has an office in Brooklyn and both of his children attend school there.

Earlier, in an address to an estimated 800 supporters at PS 175 on W. 134th Street, Sharpton answered several charges, including the "Buy Black Campaign" initiated by Morris Powell (president of the 125th Street Vendors Association), of being racist. Sharpton said, "There was a Buy

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Juvenile justice bill signed

TRENTON—Gov. Christie Whitman recently signed into law an overhaul of the juvenile justice system which promotes public safety, makes juveniles more accountable for their actions, and emphasizes prevention and early intervention.

The five-bill package of legislation creates a single agency to coordinate efforts to control juvenile crime, establishes a grant program to fund community-based programs and provides a continuum of responses to juvenile crime—from prevention and early intervention through incarceration, treatment and aftercare.

"This legislation gives the people of New Jersey a juvenile justice system that protects them from youths who commit crime and expect to get away with it because of their age," said Gov. Whitman. "We will hold them accountable for their actions, but we will also help them find a better way."

"The bills provide meaningful sentencing options for judges and true consequences for juvenile delinquents and their parents," she said.

Responding to an alarming increase in juvenile crime, Gov. Whitman established the Governor's Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice shortly after taking office in 1994 to

find ways to improve and restructure the juvenile justice system. The legislation signed today implements the recommendations of the Council.

"The latest statistics show that violent crime committed by juveniles is increasing at a dramatic rate, with over 90,000 juveniles arrested in this state last year," said Gov. Whitman. "In 1994, twenty-eight percent of all persons arrested for serious violent crimes were juveniles. These numbers clearly tell us that the time to act is now."

Gov. Whitman's commitment to juveniles and to public safety has driven the re-vamping of the juvenile services system being signed into law today. S. 22051-A-2991, amends the Juvenile Code to explicitly recognize accountability and public safety, along with rehabilitation, as key goals of the juvenile justice system. It also requires courts to consider the goals of accountability and public safety when determining whether to incarcerate a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent. The bill also requires each term of incarceration to be followed by a term of community supervision up to one-third of the incarceration ordered.

This new law provides for greater parental responsibility by allowing

family courts to order parents who fail to exercise reasonable supervision and control over juveniles who commit delinquent acts, to pay restitution. Current law limits parental restitution to juvenile auto theft cases.

Under current law, there is no way to hold a juvenile near the age of 18 accountable, other than imposing a term of incarceration, because a juvenile disposition terminates when the juvenile reaches the age of 18 or 19 after the order, whichever is later. S. 22081-A-2992 extends the one year limitation on non-custodial dispositions to three years after the issuance of the order.

The bill also makes it clear that a juvenile who has been ordered to pay a fine or restitution is not absolved of the obligation when the order of disposition is terminated.

The Juvenile Justice Commission offers a real solution to problems that have been talked about for years," said Corrections Commissioner William H. Fauer, a member of the new panel. A grant program will provide funding for locally created juvenile services and sanctions, including prevention and early intervention, sanctions short of incarceration, and post-incarceration supervision for those who do serve time.

PEOPLE

AKA's spread holiday cheer

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27
EAST ORANGE—The city of East Orange hosts its annual coat drive to help those in need. For more info call 201-266-5334.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27
NEWARK—Performances and workshops celebrating the Kwanzaa principles of creativity and unity, held at the New Jersey Historical Society. For more info call 201-485-3533.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
NEWARK—5th Annual Kwanzaa Cultural Celebration, Newark Symphony Hall, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Guest Speaker Dr. Mauda Karanga, sponsored by the N.J. BIC, for more info call 201-733-6427.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
CRANFORD—The annual Owl Classic featuring Union County College's men's and women's basketball teams, Middlesex and Raritan will meet in the first game of men's tournament at 1 p.m. The Owls will meet Sussex at 5 p.m. The women's tournament will be at 3 p.m. between Essex and Rockland with the Lady Owls engaging Northampton at 7 p.m. For more info call 908-790-7501.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29
WESTFIELD—The Westfield Neighborhood Council Parents Club cordially invites you to a Kwanzaa Celebration, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. to be held at Westfield Neighborhood Council for more info call 908-233-2772.

NEWARK—Parents Appreciation Evening presented in partnership with UMCN-Dept of Urban and Community Development and the Urban League of Essex County. For more info call 201-624-9335.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
ELIZABETH—The Elizabeth Chapter of Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey is offering low-cost cancer screenings for women over 40. For appointments call 908-351-5384.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
CAMDEN—Ring in the New Year at the splashiest party in town, at the New Jersey State Aquarium. For more info call 609-365-3300.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2
WAYNE—William Peterson College, 4:30 a.m. all gates will be closed, with the exception of Entry #4 at Pumpkin Road, for more info call WPC Campus Police at (201) 595-3200.



Members of Beta Alpha Omega Chapter, Newark, of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. donated 14 Thanksgiving baskets to the families of the Families Life Enrichment Center (FLEC) Program at United Hospital. Gloria Brodie, director of FLEC was on hand to accept the 14 food baskets at its annual Thanksgiving dinner. The chapter was also presented a plaque for outstanding service to the community. Photo courtesy of AKA.

Bloomfield gets AT&T grant



BLOOMFIELD—AT&T has awarded Bloomfield College a \$20,000 AT&T Foundation grant designated for support of the College's Student Advancement Initiative which was launched in 1992. The initiative is a comprehensive program designed to strengthen undergraduate education for Bloomfield College students. Pictured, Gus Merkel and Kim Pryor of AT&T present Bloomfield President John P. Noonan (2nd from right) and College Board of Trustees Chairman Richard Polach, with the check.

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Personal Power

By Juniors Ricardo Stauen

While cleaning out my study and rummaging through some books one day, I came across a folder that contained newsletters and the workbook from a training session entitled Confidence, Self-Esteem and Peak Performance. Page 19 contained a chart on the characteristics of low and high self-esteem. The number one characteristic of a person with low self-esteem is he/she feels and acts like a victim. The first characteristic of a person with high self-esteem is he/she takes appropriate risks. That makes sense. Someone who feels badly about himself, who has a poor self-image probably would think of himself as a victim; a victim of bad breaks, a victim of a mean-spirited deity who has favorites and delights in punishing people for errors of commission and omission.

A person with high self-esteem and a good self-image has confidence in his or her abilities and generally views the universe as amenable to the wishes and desires of those audacious enough to make their own breaks in life.

Winners, when faced with adversity or when they are behind in the score, find a way to come back and win. If they lose they use the loss as a learning tool to motivate themselves for the next game or match. Losers on the other hand, find ways to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. When they lose they say, "The cards were stacked against me, the refs cheated, I couldn't catch a break."

That's it in a nutshell. People with low self-esteem play the blame game, they feel they have no control over their lives. People with high self-esteem know that life is not a spectator sport, to win you have to play the game intensely. People with high self-esteem are proactive, they are doers, they take the initiative (risks) to make things happen. They know that change/improvement comes through action and that persistence always work out successfully for them? Of course not. No one bats

1000 all the time. Even in the big leagues a 300 hitter is considered a star.

Of course there are people who hate themselves who take initiative and risks. The difference is people with high self-esteem have a better self-image, their motives are more altruistic; they have a more positive outlook on life and their goals tend to be more positive, less selfish than people with low self-esteem.

Let me make one thing perfectly clear. Having a positive outlook does not insulate you from life's trials and tribulations! You can have high self-esteem, a good self-image and a positive outlook and still suffer the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune." The difference is you will be more resilient and better able to make the needed adjustments to bounce back, wiser, stronger and better prepared for the next round.

Stop and think about it, the only people with no problems on this plane of existence are those in the cemetery. Life demands the overcoming of obstacles, trials, tribulation and adversity. Too many of our people don't understand this and they give up in despair. Best selling author and spiritual teacher Iyanla Vamant says we have Teflon on our booties; we were made to withstand the fires of life. That's a good way to look at it. A better way is to realize that the CREATOR endowed us with the wherewithal and inner resources to overcome the vicissitudes of life. The power and potential lies within us.

The key to realizing it is to believe it and see yourself victorious in your mind's eye. Everything proceeds from our imagination. Imagination is the building block of reality. Whatever you want whether it's freedom, prosperity, healing or peace of mind, believe it first. See it second and work for it third. Some say, "I'll believe it when I see it." The truth is you'll see it only in the other world when you believe it within yourself! Affirm, I am, I can. It is to be, it is up to me.

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NATION

Should African Americans join Third Party fervor

By Sidney E. Morse

There has been much talk recently about the possibility of launching a third party for next year's presidential election. Many polls indicate that the disaffected voters expressed when they overwhelmingly decided to replace Democrats with Republicans last year, has only grown more severe and intense. Many political analysts see such a high level of voter apathy and distrust as meaning that the public believes neither party can adequately correct the country's path.

In an effort to lessen this feeling of "disconnection" between the people and "their" government, Republicans were able to provide a brief reprieve when they gave an arguably impressive demonstration of legislative efficiency in executing the "Contract with America," in the first 100 days of this Congress. But, now the "real" issues of welfare and Medicare reforms have to be undertaken by a party that cannot afford to be seen as attempting to "balance the budget" on the backs of working class people or the poor; issues that are particularly sensitive to African Americans.

Nearly a third of all African Americans are at or below the poverty level

and thus a client of some form of public assistance. Of the total Medicare recipients nearly 10 percent are African American. Clearly, meeting the challenges that these programs raise will be of great importance to the African-American community, as it chooses the road to take during the heat of the political season. The continuing debate about affirmative action will also, no doubt, be a lightning rod that draws a significant number of African Americans to one particular candidate or the other.

But while "would-be" candidates are, even at this early juncture, jockeying for position in the super sweepstakes, "wouldn't the African-American community be wise to evaluate the current dynamics of the system and develop its own agenda? One [agenda] that ultimately leads to solutions for the daunting challenges the community faces nationwide?"

In announcing his retirement from the Senate recently Bill Bradley said: "The political process in this country is broken." He has subsequently hinted that he might participate in some way in a third party effort to secure the presidency. And, there is also a hint of yet another attempt by the Reverend Jesse Jackson to set his

sails toward the presidential race in an independent candidacy.

What is certain is that in this period when the only thing that is constant is change and where institutions of political ideology, long thought to be sacred, are openly subject to structural, if not radical change, the African-American community itself is also being presented with an opportunity for change. That opportunity is to move away from government as a solution in its collective psychology and more toward self-sufficiency. The reality is that the downsizing of government makes a move away from it virtually an inevitable conclusion. So the question becomes, how does a national community still scaling its socio-economic evolution in America, strategically position itself to create an environment that facilitates progress and not regression?

Like many Americans, the African-American community suffers greatly from the most pressing social ills. A stubborn residue of economic malaise, giving at least the perception of a lack of opportunity growth; a belief of increased insecurity due to rampant crime; dysfunctionality in families and an assault on healthy value systems are all symptomatic of these

ills. The appearance of a "shrinking economic pie" as the nation's economy undergoes intense structural change, often thought to be a major cause of some of these problems, was not something that either the Democratic or Republican party planned for and now they both find themselves searching for answers.

When it comes to creating solutions in the African-American community, "getting government off the people's backs," as some leading Republican presidential contenders have suggested, will not do the trick without a corresponding component of opportunity creation. Nor will spending more money to solve problems, as some Democrats would suggest, create a strategic path to self-sufficiency and individual responsibility.

So what should an African-American agenda, constructed on "progressive" precepts look like? How can the goals of self-sufficiency and self-empowerment be achieved? It is done by taking an aggressive posture in the area of education; by ensuring that reforms desperately needed in public education are immediately and effectively implemented so that African-American

youth can be assured of a quality education regardless of their family's economic status. It is done by taking a more progressive posture in promoting private sector initiatives that result in partnerships with African-American entities through the use of the tax code.

This strategy eliminates the need for government bureaucracies to be created when the distribution of both financial and human capital are involved. It is done by ensuring that affirmative action is strategically reformed so that it will no longer be necessary, but also ensuring that it is not eliminated prematurely, as the current effort would have. It is done by ensuring that welfare reform results in real job creation and promotes the building and retention of the family unit. It is done by defining a strategic direction that will reduce the number from nearly 30% of all African Americans at or below the poverty level. This is accomplished not through additional governmental spending, but through tax incentives that strategically promote self-reliance. Finally, it is done through an effort to reduce the momentum of

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National News at a glance

FBI REPORT REVEALS BIGGEST DROP IN MURDERS IN DECADES

Murders reported to police departments declined by 12 percent during the first half of this year, the largest drop in 35 years, the FBI says. There was a one percent decrease in overall reported crimes and a five percent drop in violent crimes. The biggest declines came in large cities with a million or more residents where overall crime went down 6 percent. Murders were down 17 percent in big cities. In spite of the declines, the FBI says more must be done about youth crime and guns. FBI Director Louis Freeh noted that "the number of juveniles arrested for weapons offenses has more than doubled over the past decade."—WASHINGTON, DC.

THREE BLACKS ARRESTED IN FIERY DEATH OF NEW YORK SUBWAY CLERK

New York city police have arrested two more suspects in the fiery death of an African-American subway clerk, and a teenager already in custody was jailed without bail after a prosecutor described how the victim begged for his life. On Nov. 26 two youths sprayed flammable liquid into a subway token booth and ignited it, blowing the booth apart. Harry Kaufman, 51, died two weeks later from burns suffered in the attack. James Irons, 18, was arrested and charged with murder. He told police he was the lookout. His statement led to the arrests of Thomas Malik, 18, and Vincent Ellerby, 17, near their homes in Brooklyn. Ellerby has admitted squirting the liquid around the booth and under the door.—NEW YORK, NY.

O'LEARY TRIES TO RIDE OUT TRAVEL FLAP

Three Republican House members are urging their colleagues to back a resolution calling for African-American Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary's dismissal. Reps. Dick Zimmer (NJ), Martin Hoke (Ohio) and Todd Tiahrt (KS) said O'Leary should resign immediately after recent reports of her expensive international travel and use of media consultants. "Secretary O'Leary has shown a callous disregard for Congress' attempts to eliminate wasteful government," Zimmer said in a statement he sent to President Clinton demanding her resignation and calling on her to reimburse the government for any spending abuses. The flap comes because the Energy Department sent 48 staffers to a South African conference. By contrast, Secretary of State Christopher generally travels with 25 to 30 people, while Commerce Chief Brown hasn't traveled this year with more than 30.—WASHINGTON, DC.

BLACK BARBIE DIDN'T SELL AT CHRISTMAS

Toy maker Mattel Inc. reported that its black Barbie doll did not sell well during this past Christmas season. The company made 80 percent of its holiday Barbies white and 40 percent black, but the white dolls ran short and the black ones stayed on the shelf with no takers, black or white. "Last year Mattel produced holiday Barbies in a 90-10 split, with 10 percent black, and they ran out of black dolls. So this year they've made a 60-40 split, 40 percent of them black, and they're not selling," said Mike Costa, a toy store manager in Dallas.—DALLAS, TX.

HARLEM FIRE BOMBER HAD TAMPA CONNECTION

Tampa's Florida Sentinel-Bulletin newspaper reports that the alleged killer of seven people in a Harlem store fire was a failing businessman troubled by racism and who had spent nearly 20 years in Tampa. Richard J. Smith, also known as Aboudimou Moukoko, became outraged over the potential closing of a black-owned record shop next to a clothing store and the hiring practice



GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS

"We hope you enjoy the spirit of Kwanzaa all year long."

—Deborah Sonnenschein
Owner/Operator
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EDITORIAL

Slouching toward Bethlehem

Here we are staring at the second millennium and all some people can worry about is how the next century will be abbreviated. There was a time when we worried whether or not the future would be abbreviated.

In school we were taught to duck our heads beneath our desks and stay away from windows when the air raid sirens sounded. We heard Senator McCarthy accuse the U.S. Army of being run by communists and then we listened for the beeps of Sputnik as it raced through the skies. Instead of playing Cowboys and Indians, some of us played Castro and Batista and got angry when we had to play the bad guy, Batista. Some of our fathers never came back from the mountains of Santo Domingo or the bush of Korea. We still wanted to know why "Father Knows Best." We were afraid of "The Bomb" and wondered why "They" had the button to set it off.

We remember when pizza was 15 cents a slice and a quart of milk could be bought from a machine on the corner for 25 cents. Gasoline was 24 cents a gallon and a fully-loaded muscle car, with all the options, could be had for under \$3500.

We have seen the Berlin Wall go up and down. We have seen men walk on the moon. Interracial marriages became legal in Virginia. Integration of schools became the law of the land. We have seen presidents assassinated, they have seen them resign, and we have seen them cover up for their sons as they pillaged the savings of people who could least afford the loss. We have seen the murders of black leaders as they tried to bring us closer to the light. We have seen the beginnings of peace in the Middle East and in Ireland. We have seen a black man elected president of South Africa.

In "Thus Spoke Zarathustra," Nietzsche said, "He that has a wish to live can bear with any how." If these have been the times to try our souls then perhaps, despite our rude clumsy attempts, we are getting closer to the light. We'd better. Flashlight batteries are becoming expensive.

THE PASTORS' WORD

Lawmakers, stop playing with people's lives

by Rev Reginald T. Jackson
Rev. Raiford S. Wheeler

The current session of the New Jersey General Assembly closed on December 21. There were several matters before the Assembly that needed to be acted upon before the session closed. But the most important matter—the issue of Charity Care Funding for hospitals—was not even put for a vote. What does this mean for the charity? The Charity Care Fund will close on December 31 and money will probably run out in January.

If the Assembly had voted on the matter and passed legislation for continued funding, the bill would have been signed by the Governor. However, since the matter was not even discussed, and if funding is discontinued, hospitals will either have to turn away the uninsured or incur financial losses.

Those who benefit most from the Charity Care Fund are those who live in the urban centers of the state. This is also where the hospitals who treat the poor are mostly located.

Sen. Joseph Kyallo, a Republican of Monmouth County has sponsored a bill that would increase the tax on cigarettes by 25 cents to provide for the funds for Charity Care. This bill has the full backing of Governor Christine Whitman. However, the bill has become a victim of political manipulation and postponing.

Republicans in the Assembly said they would support the bill if Democrats supported it. They argued that this legislation should be bipartisan support and did not want to be put in the position of being attacked for passing a tax increase by the Democrats. Since the Democrats did not support the legislation, the Republicans will let the fund run out.

Democrats are opposed to the cigarette tax, arguing that Charity Care should be funded through the state budget. They also argue that the money this year for Charity Care could come from the state budget surplus of \$550 million. The cost for Charity Care is between 300 to 350 million.

It is disappointing and unfortunate that this has become a political issue. The ones who again find themselves as the pawns in another political game are the poor. Nationally, they have been scapegoated as the cause of the nation's economic woes and now in New Jersey they are played for political leverage.

Republicans have the votes to pass the cigarette tax by themselves but didn't, for fear that the Democrats will make it a campaign issue in the 1997 elections. The Democrats are unified in their opposition, they say because the fund needs an additional \$50 million. Governor Whitman is supporting 300 million dollars.

Democrats also see this as a political opportunity to accuse the governor and Republicans of raising taxes. So they have no problem with letting the Republicans pass this by themselves.

The poor, who the Charity Care Fund is supposed to help, have been forgotten or ignored. Hospitals in urban areas who are struggling to survive have been left dangling. Many of them critically need these funds to keep their doors open. They cannot keep on treating the uninsured at no cost.

We call on the Democrats, many of whom represent districts in urban areas with many poor and struggling hospitals, to put the interest of the people in the cigarette tax. This should not be a political issue and should have bipartisan support.

The issue is not "the least among us" or not political leverage, about those who are already down, not about those trying to score political points.

We urge Republicans and Democrats to put the interest of the people above politics. Give us reason to believe that the poor who you represent are just as important as anybody else in the state. If necessary we ask for Senate President Di Francesco and Speaker Haysman to call their houses back into session to deal with this issue.

FROM CAPITOL HILL

Mr. President: Stand your ground

by Aski Muhammad



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. used to remind us in his speeches:

"Once to every man and nation comes a moment to decide. In the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side."

I believe President Bill Clinton has reached one of those defining moments of his lifetime, not just of his Presidency. By squaring off against the help of many so-called subterfuge for the real policy goal of the Republican Congressional majority, and that is another tax break for the rich.

In 1981 President Ronald Reagan (with the help of many so-called subterfuge for the real policy goal of the Republican Congressional majority, and that is another tax break for the rich.)

The mean-spirited Republican budget-cutters are not trying to save the national economy for the "future generations," as they would have us believe, they are once again using the rhetoric of the balanced budget, in order to steal from the needy, to give to the greedy.

All of this talk about "whose" economic projections will be used to balance the budget—the Office of Management and Budget or the Congressional Budget Office—is a subterfuge for the real policy goal of the Republican Congressional majority, and that is another tax break for the rich.

As usual, North Ward Center director, Steve Adahuto was visibly holding court at a center table and still sipping the tales of his power in the county government are vastly exaggerated. But several of his associates at the North Ward Center were elected and appointed leadership positions and it's no secret he was indirectly involved in Freeholder Sara Bost's victorious campaign for mayor of Irvington.

Oh yes, while a majority of mayors throughout Essex County were among the missing, Mayor Sara Bost and husband Fred were pressing the flesh with everybody who had a free hand.

There was also a lot of tongue wagging about Newark councilwoman Mildred Curn had having her eye on the mayor's seat in 1998 and Irvington politician activist, Marilyn Thomas' friends getting up to draft her for a council seat next year.

Among the late comers were Patrick McNally, new Essex County Linda Lord Cavanaugh and Calvin and Audrey West who will be spending Christmas on a sun-soaked beach in the Caribbean. That's the life.

With continuing investigations and the feeling "Big Brother" was watching their every move, the cutbacks on parties in Newark City Hall was noticeable.

While the atmosphere was not somber, it was rather subdued and not keeping with the traditional holiday celebrations one has come to expect of Newarkers.

However, seemingly undaunted by factors beyond his control, Mayor Sharpe James' annual Christmas party was held at Quality Inn with Newark's most popular and visible public official setting a fast pace for Santa's annual visit to the city.

Mayor James, many thanks for the memories and thanks for the fun.

It was not fun and games for everybody as they prepared for a gala holiday week.

Our condolences and hearts go out to three prominent Essex County families who lost loved ones on the eve of Christmas.

Former East Orange Mayor Tom Cooke and his family buried his wife of many years, Audrey Cooke, one of the more quiet and very private First Ladies of the city.

Mrs. Cooke was a bookkeeper for World Publications for 30 years and when her husband retired from the police joined him in the family business, A.C. Leisure Time Inc. as president and CEO.

During Mayor Cooke's administration she served as chairwoman of the Mayor's Art and Culture Commission, raising money for a variety of cultural programs; was chairwoman for the 30th anniversary of the Orange and coordinator of the Thomas Cooke, Jr. Civic Association, which raised more than \$20,000 in scholarships for East Orange women.

Her immediate survivors include Mayor Cooke, two daughters, Mrs. Bonita Jefferson and Mrs. Julia Gaines; sons Michael Wilson and Thomas Cooke III, her mother, Mrs. Julia Wil-

son, a sister, Mrs. Elliot Hoffman and nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Cooke died in the Hospital Center at Orange after a brief illness...she was 60 years old.

Mr. James Street, a native of Virginia who lived in Newark 50 years before moving to East Orange died after a long illness. He was best known for his involvement in civic, social and political activities in Newark and was one of the early supporters of the original Crusade Attacks Parade for which he raised money more than a dozen times.

A WW II veteran, Street was a retired supervisor for TWA Airlines; one of the first black district leaders in Newark's West Ward and a longtime member of Central Presbyterian Church in 1967 he was a volunteer peacekeeper between the Newark riots and in 1970 instrumental in the election of Mayor Ken Gibson and the city's first black majority city council.

He leaves to mourn him, his beloved wife and political and fundraising partner, Margaret L. Street; a son, Edward; three daughters, Renee Street, Rita Lassiter, and Jacqueline Campbell; stepchildren, Anthony Cornish and Deborah Ray Neely; three brothers; Harold, Clarence and Wilson Street; grand and great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

A stunned community is mourning the death of Clelie Allen Diggs, a member of a well known Essex

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The Million Man March—an unforgettable experience: 'The sisters'

by Avery Grant

It is well known that a million black men gathered on the Washington Mall between the Capitol and the Lincoln Monument, and in the first part of this mini-part series, I wrote about that unforgettable experience with the "brothers." In this article I will write about some of the "sisters."

In the news media there have been some expressions by and about women being "excluded" from participating in the march, as well as some women have said that it was sexist and degrading to women. With this background, I stood in awe looking at the stage with some of the most influential and loved black women participating and supporting the effort of brotherhood—and the partnership of the family.

There sat Poet Laureate Maya Angelou, Dorothy Height, National Council of Negro Women President, Rosa Parks, "mother of the civil rights movement," Dr. Betty Shabazz, widow of Malcolm X, (sitting next to the wife of the late Elijah Muhammad), Dr. Barbara Justice, president of the National Medical Association (of 16,000 black doctors) and many others.

Dorothy Height, expressed it very clearly saying, "I am here because you (men) are here. Regardless of the media 3 out of 4 black men are responsible parents, and I salute you. Our women do what they have to do and it is a great partnership with our men."

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righteous indignation (at that), but today there is none of this. There is a time and season for all things.

There were women scattered among the crowd, who came in support. "We are from Wesleyan College (West Virginia), and we drove vans here with nineteen of our brothers in the march," said Anna Oliver, director of Intercultural relations, with three female students, "We wanted to be a

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YOUTH BEAT

Newark Students showcased at New Jersey PTA convention

NEWARK—Khairia Creentele, a 13-year old student who attends Newark's Avon Avenue School won third prize in the art competition at the New Jersey PTA's 95th Annual Convention Awards Breakfast, held recently in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The national PTA president, Lois Jean White, presented Khairia's award.

Khairia's painting entitled "Open Your Eyes and See" depicted the wide eyes and tearful face of an African-American child as she watched homeless people sprawled on a park bench with alcohol bottles and drug paraphernalia scattered on the ground.

Khairia said she often wonders how can we help our people. "The homeless and drug problems need much attention," Khairia stated. "Taxes are up and I believe that more of government's money should be used for housing and shelters. I want to help kids to have a better quality of life."

Mr. Michael Greenlee said, "I am lost for words about my daughter's talent. Khairia began to draw extremely well as a baby. She is a great kid and her superb talent for drawing gets better and better."

Khairia said, "I understand quite well that I need a good education to fall back on." She plans to attend Arts High School, college and then pursue an art career. Khairia's art will travel across the country for other exhibitions.

Ann Kagdis, Lincoln School's principal, Essex County Council of PTA's chairperson of bylaws and an avid PTA supporter, praised their students as they received a standing ovation at the PTA's banquet. "My students performed excellently, as they always do," Ms. Kagdis said. She also commended the busload of staff and parents who escorted the students. "Parents and teachers who come out in support of their children make the difference," she added.

Ms. Sandra Talmadge, Lincoln school music teacher, accompanied the chorus.

Brownies donate toys to hospital



UNION—Members of Brownie Troop #124 and Junior Girl Scout Troop #359 of the Livingston School in Union recently donated a special gift to Union Hospital's Emergency Department. The girls presented hospital representatives, (l-r) Carol Murphy, executive assistant; Eleanor Hazelton, patient representative; and Diane Biddulph, executive secretary, with 30 Hug A-Bears. The Bears, which the girls made themselves, will be given to children who visit the Emergency Department and are in need of a soft friend for comfort.

Photo courtesy of Union Hospital

County highlights youth leaders

ELIZABETH—High schools throughout Union County selected 45 seniors to participate in the Board of Chosen Freeholders' 20th "Youth in County Government Day." Students were selected to participate based on their leadership qualities and academic excellence. The focus of the program is to expose students to government and how it works. Pictured at the recent event are (standing l-r) Patric Morris, consumer affairs advocate; student Tequila Suckley of Abraham Clark High School in Rahway; Susan Green, administrator for the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs; Former freeholder Elmer Ertl, (seated l-r) student Cordina Humphries of Plainfield High School; Charles E. Kinnin, III of Cranford High School;

Ben Laganza, county emergency management coord.; and Captain

Daniel H. Vaniska, Union County Police.



Join the adventure with Tom and Huck



Tom Sawyer (Jonathan Taylor Thomas, l) and Huck Finn (Brad Renfro, r) are up to one of their usual mischiefs that make them the town's incorrigible duo in Walt Disney's Tom and Huck. Photo by Frank Masl.

Do Something free leadership course opens in January

NEWARK—The Newark Do Something Fund is offering an action oriented leadership course for those who wish to help in the empowerment of their communities and strengthen their leadership skills. Included in the course is public speaking on video tape, Macintosh computer training, leadership and management theory, ice breaker skills and actual project organizing. The course is free.

Openings are available for either Monday evening or Saturday afternoon class which both begin in Mid-January. DoSomething also offers \$500 grants to improve Newark and a Community Coach initiative currently beginning in the Newark school system and neighborhoods. To apply, call 201-643-6373.

Timon and Pumbaa star in Stand by Me

HOLLYWOOD, CA—The Jungle's oddest and most entertaining duo—a merry meerkat named Timon and his carefree warthog companion, Pumbaa—has returned to the big screen in film form to deliver a rollicking rendition of a popular rock "stand-by" with Timon and Pumbaa in Stand by Me.

The piece is an hilarious animated short from Walt Disney Television Animation and will be seen immediately following Tom and Huck.

Marking their first theatrical appearance since The Lion King, Timon and Pumbaa offer a spirited send-up

Cub Scouts Olympics coming your way

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Division of Recreation and the Cub Scouts of the Watchung Council are sponsoring a Cub Scout Olympics scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 1996. The Olympics will begin at 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., with events including basketball throw, standing long jump, swim dash and relay. Cub Scouts between the ages of six to 10 years of age are eligible to participate. To enter the Olympics contact the Watchung Council Boy Scouts at 908-654-9191.

Join the Mad Scientists' Club

WESTFIELD—All mad scientists entering grades four through seven are invited to join the 4-H Mad Scientists' Club. You will have an opportunity to meet other cool kids who, like yourself, are science-savvy. The club will begin on Thursday, January 18 and will meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Club location will be the auditorium of Rutgers Cooperative Extension at 300 North Ave. in Westfield.

Registration deadline is Monday, January 11. There is a \$10 per child fee. For additional information on registration call Karen Cole at 908-654-9854.

HOLLYWOOD, CA—A lot of guys go looking for fun and adventure. For Tom Sawyer (Jonathan Taylor Thomas) and Huck Finn (Brad Renfro), adventure finds them at every turn. And in this suspense-filled adaptation of Mark Twain's classic tale, town mischief-maker Tom, and his pal Huck, are in for the time of their lives as they team up to steal a pirate's treasure map in order to save an innocent man from being convicted of a crime.

However, the map they seek is in Injun Joe's (Eric Schweig) pocket. Now the incorrigible duo from Hannibal, Mo. must find a way to steal his map without being caught. But that's the least of their problems. As witnesses to a heinous crime, Tom and Huck are forced to run away from home.

Presumed dead by the entire town, they must decide whether to come forward and tell the truth, and risk the wrath of the real perpetrator, Injun Joe, or keep quiet and let an innocent man go to prison.

Faced with the most important decision of their lives, Tom and Huck must find the strength and courage to do what their hearts tell them is right.

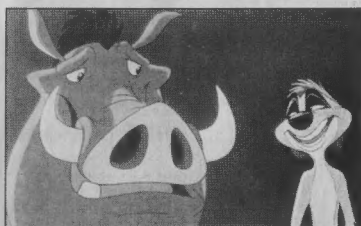
What do you know about the solar system?

NEWARK—"How was the Universe formed?" "How far can comets fly?" "What is the difference between a solar and a lunar eclipse?" "Do stars die?" These are some of the winning questions from last year's Cosmic Questions contest sponsored by The Newark Museum Dreyfus Planetarium.

This year you can be a contestant and see how much you know about the universe.

The contest is open to children ages five to 12 and has been developed to interest young children in. To enter the contest, print question on a piece of 8 1/2" x 11" white lined paper. Full name and address should also be printed at the top right corner of the paper. There is only one question per entry and entries must be received before January 12, 1996.

Mail questions to: Cosmic Questions c/o Dreyfus Planetarium The Newark Museum 49 Washington Street, PO Box 540 Newark, NJ 07101-0540.



Pumbaa (l) and Timon lend their voices to a rollicking rendition of a rock classic in Walt Disney's Timon & Pumbaa in Stand by Me. Photo courtesy of Walt Disney Pictures

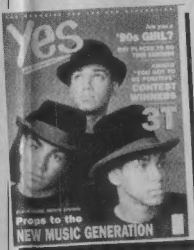


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Exercise key to good health in later years

by James L. Phillips, M.D.

There's no avoiding the facts. Exercise is good for you, especially as you get older.

Exercise can help you take charge of your health and maintain a level of fitness necessary for an active, independent lifestyle.

Sadly, many people think just because they age, physical decline is inevitable. This is simply not true. The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports reports that much of the physical frailty attributed to aging is actually the result of inactivity, disease, or poor nutrition.

A brochure put out by the President's Council and the American Association of Retired Persons says that these problems can often be helped or even reversed by making lifestyle changes.

One of the major benefits of regular physical activity is protection against heart disease. Indeed, researchers at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston have found that exercise can affect how calcium is "transported" within the heart—an important process that allows the heart to function better.

Physical activity can also provide some protection against other chronic diseases such as adult-onset diabetes, arthritis, hypertension, certain cancers, osteoporosis, and depression. A balanced, nutritious diet with no more than 30 percent of calories from fats, plenty of sleep, and regular exercise are the keys.

Choose an activity that you will enjoy and that you are capable of doing.

Walk, swim, play tennis, lift weights, do simple calisthenics—whatever is fun for you and is approved by your doctor.

Some steps to effective exercise should include:

- Always drink plenty of water before, during and after exercise.
- Make exercise a daily routine. Ask a friend to join you.
- Start gradually, five to 10 minutes a day, and slowly build up to about 30 minute workouts.

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Making peace for holiday homecomings

RADFORD, VA—A happy family sitting around the hearth reading heartwarming cards. That's the picture most of us have when we think of going home for the holidays—but that's not the way it is with most families, says Radford University (RU) psychology professor Jeffrey Chase. "Usually there are 826 and 5293," he says, "but there are also

disagreements over everything from politics to how to raise children."

"When we go home, it's easy to fall into the old roles of compliant child, disagreeable child, critical parent or whatever roles we adopted in the past," says Chase. "And we're exquisitely sensitive to old irritations. We don't have to hear something very loudly for it to drive us crazy,

because it's the same stuff that's always driven us crazy."

KU counselor education professor Paula Stanley agrees that when adult children go home for the holidays it can be easy to fall into old roles and resume old conflicts.

"Don't idealize your holiday expectations," she says. "Realize that it's easy to revert to behaving like a child and fall into the same kinds of cycles that have always existed."

Your parents may never approve of your friends or the way you dress, but there's no need to take their criticism personally, she says. "As adults,

we need to see our parents as people and try to maintain a good relationship even if that means some self-restraint. Also, instead of focusing on your differences, try to find some common ground."

Chase suggests planning shared activities like shopping or going to a museum or play. "Activities give you something neutral to talk about and something shared," he says, "which is especially important if you've lost touch and aren't really sure what to say to each other."

Shared holiday time will be less strained if you make an effort to stay

in touch throughout the year, he says.

"Then it won't seem so artificial." According to Chase it helps to think of yourself as a guest instead of a person who is going home. "Then you'll be more willing to be polite and less willing to contradict or be argumentative."

Another pointer from the experts: Don't stay too long. There will be less stress if you leave before you wear out your welcome.

Let Justice Ring

NEWARK—A tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King will be held Monday, January 15 at 2 p.m. at the Hopewell Baptist Church, 785 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The program speakers will include Rev. James L. Bevel, Direct Action Coordinator for Martin Luther King Jr. and Hon. Theo-Mitchell, former South Carolina State Senator. This event is sponsored by the Schiller Institute. For more information call 1-800-536-8858.

Rape curriculum for Union County

ELIZABETH—Do you assume that the students at your local middle or high school or even the local college understand the difference between sex and rape? Are you sure that if someone they know was raped that they wouldn't blame the victim? Think very carefully before you reply!

The answers to these questions may not be as clear cut and simple as you may think. The Union County Department of Human Services' Rape Crisis Center has created *The Acquaintance Rape Curriculum: A Course to Promote Better Gender Relations*.

The curriculum was written by Jennifer Pruden, M.S. administrator for the Union County Rape Crisis Center and was designed to be a part of the Family Life and Health classes which are intended to educate students on the contributing factors of acquaintance rape and risk reduction.

For additional information on the course contact The Union County Rape Crisis Center at 908-233-7273.

Crossroads celebrates New Year's Eve for the entire family



NEW BRUNSWICK—Crossroads Theatre Company offers a very special New Year's Eve celebration, that includes the last performance of the critically acclaimed musical "Sheila's Day," a preshow reception, and a champagne toast.

"Sheila's Day," returned to Crossroads following a successful run at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, DC. The play, a cultural collaboration between six

South African, six African-American women and parallels the Civil Rights and Apartheid struggles, was written by Duma Ndlovu and Sarafina! creator Mbongeni Ngema and is restaged by Kenneth Johnson.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. followed by a 7:30 curtain and a 9 p.m. champagne toast in the lobby of the theater. For ticket information call the Crossroads Box Office at 908-249-5560.

Celebrate Kwanzaa at the Cathedral Second Baptist Church

PERTH AMBOY—The congregation of Cathedral Second Baptist Church of Perth Amboy invites you to ring in the New Year and celebrate Kwanzaa with them. Bring your family and prepare for a good time.

Family Kwanzaa Celebration Friday, December 29
7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

New Year's Eve Buffet at the Cathedral Cafe
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve Worship (watchnight) Service Sunday,
9 p.m. in the Sanctuary

For further information on events call 908-826-5293.

FDA clears over-the-counter version of Zantac®

MORRIS PLAINS—Warner Wellcome Consumer Healthcare announced recently that Zantac 75® (ranitidine hydrochloride), the over-the-counter version of Glaxo Wellcome's Zantac® has received marketing clearance from the Food and Drug Administration. Zantac 75 is indicated for the relief of heartburn, acid indigestion and sour stomach in adults and children 12 years of age and older.

According to pharmaceutical officials with more than 20 million Zantac prescriptions written in the U.S. since 1983, the drug is one of the most existing Rx-to-OTC switches of all time. Officials also reported that the drug has a wide acceptance among physicians and pharmacists; it is an enviable safety profile with no clinically significant drug interaction warnings; and has an impressive efficacy that will make it easy for pharmacists

to recommend it to their customers.

"The world's leading prescription H2 antagonist over the last five years is now poised to take its rightful place in the over-the-counter heartburn market," said Robell Casale, Vice President, Gastrointestinal Marketing. Beginning in 1988, more prescriptions were written each year in the U.S. for Zantac than any other H2 antagonist. In fact, over the last five years in the U.S., Zantac has been prescribed more than all other H2 antagonists combined.

In the United Kingdom, Zantac 75 surpassed both Tagamet® 100 and Pepcid AC®, despite being third into the marketplace. By its fifth month on the market, Zantac 75 had earned a 50 percent share of the OTC H2 market. "We fully expect to repeat the prescription success of Zantac and the U.K. OTC success of Zantac 75 in the U.S. OTC marketplace," said Casale.

JHRC provides affordable housing

JERSEY CITY—The Jewish Home & Rehabilitation Center (JHRC) invites senior citizens and their families to tour its affordable housing apartments for the elderly during an Open House, scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Administered by the JHRC, the housing is nonsectarian, and open to all senior citizens who are 62 years of age and have annual incomes of less than \$20,000 for individuals or \$22,980 for couples.

In addition to a secure telephone-intercom entry system for visitors, laundry facilities and com-

munity rooms are located on each of the four floors. Rental fees are as low as \$263 per month.

The housing facilities are connected to the JHRC's main facility, allowing residents to take full advantage of all its senior services, including the Geriatric Medical Clinic, Total Eye Care Clinic, Podiatry and Physical/Occupational Speech Therapies and on-site nutrition services. The center's facilities eliminate the need for seniors to travel in inclement weather for medical care or other services. To attend the Open House, obtain an application, contact Jill McCluney at 201-461-3200.

Should African Americans join Third Party fervor

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some over-zealous politicians who would eliminate services that government does have a responsibility and the best opportunity to provide.

When you examine the challenges, the agenda and the goals, which candidates and party are most likely to accommodate this kind of progressive politics? Is this perhaps also a time in the evolution of American democracy for African Americans to consider their own political party?

We can probably gain considerable agreement that a political agenda that promotes self-reliance and self-empowerment in the African-

American community, whether it be driven by Democrats, Republicans or a new, independent African-American party. For such an agenda can certainly have a positive effect on race relations by raising the level of importance of self-efficiency and reducing the use of government as a solution. It might also result in an important realization that a strengthened African-American community corresponds to an increase in strength for an entire nation.

Sidney Morris, a resident of Los Angeles, is an activist and author of the upcoming book "Strategic Progressivism: A Solution For African-American Empowerment."

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BUSINESS

Business Calendar

DECEMBER 30

IRVINGTON—Black Men of Consciousness 2nd annual Black Business Networking Kwanzaa Celebration. Dr. Lenworth Gurney speaker. For info call 201-974-4066.

SAT. JANUARY 6 & THUR. 11
PARAMUS—Look Like a Success sponsored by May Kay. \$15. For info call 201-251-7990.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Gentle Art of Elegant Selling by the Middlesex Chapter NAWBO from 5:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For info call 908-721-3030.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

NEW BRUNSWICK—Rugers conference on business school partnerships at the Hyatt Regency Hotel from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For info call 908-445-2071.

CAMDEN—Doing Business with Government, and New Start Orientation, sponsored by RSDSC. \$15. For info call 609-225-3221.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

NEWARK—Business Breakfast Series, 8:30 - 10 a.m. sponsored by the Regional Business Partnership. For info and location call 201-242-6237.

Lifting up the light

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and strengthen family, community and culture give us a common moral and social ground on which to stand and build. Fourth, Kwanzaa and the Million Man March/Day of Absence put forth as an indispensable principle for any cooperative and common project the principle of **operational** unity: unity in diversity, unity without uniformity, and unity in principle and practice. Finally, Kwanzaa and the Million Man March/Day of Absence were created and composed in the framework of Kwanzaa philosophy which is an ongoing synthesis of the best of African thought and practice in constant exchange with the world. In each case, my essential goal was to create a holiday and compose a document that honored the best of our tradition, that united us in our commonality and, in spite of our differences, remind and enable us to lift up the light that lasts and speak our special cultural truth to the world.

And so, when we light the candles this Kwanzaa, let us come and stand before the kinara, remembering the best of our history and our obligation to keep the burden and glory of it with strength, dignity and determination. And let us lift up the light that lasts as the Million Man March/Day of Absence Mission Statement says by "bringing the most central values and values of our faith communities, our

deepest commitments to our social justice tradition and the struggle it requires, the most instructive lessons of our history, and a profoundly urgent sense of the need for positive and productive action."

For by doing this, "we honor our ancestors, enrich our lives and give promise to our descendants." And through our historic work and struggle to always lift up the light that lasts, we will "always know and introduce ourselves to history and humanity as a people who are spiritually and ethically grounded; who speak truth, do justice, respect our ancestors and elders, cherish, support, and challenge our children, care for the vulnerable, relate rightfully to the environment, struggle for what is right and resist what is wrong, honor our past and self-consciously plan for and welcome our future."

Finally, the light that lasts, this ethical and spiritual heritage of ours, must be kept and constantly shared as a rich heritage that rightly belongs to us. And thus the ancestors teach in the Yoruba Ifa Texts (104):

"Hold on to this thing of value. Keep it safe. And if you are asked for it, it should be brought forth upon request. This is called trustworthiness. And it is ordained that anyone who returns things to their owners will always prosper."

Dr. Maulana Karenga is the creator of the holiday Kwanzaa.

County officials, community leaders at African American roundtable

UNION—Over 157 residents representing Union County's African American community met with the Union County Alliance to discuss the role of African Americans in Union County's economy development for the 21st century. The roundtable, the 11th in a series, was held at the Schering-Plough Corporation site in Union.

These brainstorming sessions, held with diverse interest groups in the county, are sponsored by the Union County Alliance, an effort to develop a long-range economic strategic plan for the county. The plan, targeted for completion the end of this month, will be presented at the Third Annual Meeting of the Union County Alliance in January 1996, and ultimately submitted to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

and County Manager.

"Information gathered from this roundtable, when added to the cumulative results from the other roundtables we are sponsoring, will assist the Alliance's Long Range Planning Committee in the development of a strategic economic plan for the county," noted Freeholder Chairman Linda Di Giovanni. "The Long Term Goal of the Alliance is to develop and aggressively pursue the implementation of a comprehensive plan for the future—one that will position our county as an outstanding place to live and work."

"It is the hope of the entire Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders that these roundtables take us as quickly as possible, ever closer to our goal of completing the strategic economic plan of the Alliance, since the plan is

representative of a far reaching collective effort to foster communication, share insights and create partnerships with diverse interest groups," Chairman Di Giovanni added.

"The collective information from the African American roundtable, and the input from other roundtables, will give us the range of issues that are important and impact on the people within Union County. All of this knowledge will help Union County Government to prioritize our planning needs for the future," said Union County Manager Ann Baran.

"The Union County Alliance was created almost three years ago so that each major sector and organization in the county could join together in a common effort to revitalize the county's economic base and quality of life," noted County Manager Ann

Baran. "The Alliance accomplished this by serving as a coalition with a 'shared' long range vision of the County's major needs and priorities. The price of ignoring current trends, such as the flight of industry, the loss of high wage jobs and a decline in the quality of life, would ensure that those terrible conditions will inevitably worsen," she added.

Jonny Rosser noted that of all the varied issues facing Union County, the most significant facing the African American community which must be addressed are: loss of high wage jobs; lack of affordable housing; lack of adequate cultural amenities and a decline in the quality of life and if Union County is to achieve its full economic potential, African Americans cannot be left behind.

BUSINESS EXCHANGE

LOOKING AT BLACKS IN BUSINESS

What is the difference between black-owned businesses and white-owned businesses? For too many people in American society will tell you that the difference between black businesses and ones owned by whites is that black businesses have greater incidents of inferior merchandise and quality and poor customer treatment and service. Be that as it may, the real quantitative difference between black-owned businesses and those owned by whites is \$141,000 per year per firm. Although they've made significant gains over the five years of a recent study, how many people say about blacks in business—that they are like white people trying to dance—may be true. Surely their receipts, service and product levels and impact on community employment will have to increase.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, the number of black-owned businesses nationwide increased 46 percent between 1987 and 1992. During that time the number of black-owned firms went from 424,165 to 620,912. Sales per firm

averaged \$52,000 for black-owned businesses while the average for all U.S. firms was \$193,000. Fifty-six percent of black firms showed receipts of less than \$10,000 per year with only about 3,000 having annual sales of more than \$1 million.

African-American owned businesses are just not making enough individual gains yet to greatly impact employment and career opportunities in the black community. Only about 10 percent of black-owned businesses have paid employees. But, this 10 percent accounted for 70 percent of the gross receipts of all black-owned businesses in the 1987 to 1992 period. Three hundred and forty black firms had 100 or more employees and accounted for \$6 billion in receipts. The 56 percent of black-owned firms with receipts of less than \$10,000 a year did not generate enough revenue to pay the sole proprietor and surely had no impact on providing employment opportunities. While the number of black-owned businesses increased in size almost 200,000 the total number of all U.S. firms is

over three million, increasing 26 percent from 14 million in 1987 to 17 million in 1992. Gross receipts for these businesses grew 67 percent, from \$2 trillion to \$3 trillion.

In 1992, the majority of black-owned firms were concentrated in the service industries. These industries accounted for 54 percent of all black-owned firms and 34 percent of gross receipts. Forty-seven percent of the total number of black-owned service firms are concentrated in business and personal services, accounting for 35 percent of gross receipts. The retail trade industry accounted for the next largest concentration of black-owned firms at 14 percent of the firms and 22 percent of the receipts. In total, fully two-thirds of African-American businesses operated as a service or retail trade business in 1992.

The majority-black District of Columbia had the largest percentage of African-American owned firms with almost 30 percent of all firms in the city. The District was followed by Maryland, where blacks own 11 percent of all firms and Mississippi where

black business ownership is 10 percent of the total. California had the most black-owned firms at 68,968, or 11 percent, with receipts of \$5.5 billion or 17 percent. New York was second with \$1.312, or eight percent, and receipts of \$2.2 billion, or seven percent of total. Texas was third with \$3,008 and eight percent of all firms, but had the second highest receipts of \$2.3 billion.

The majority of the successful black businesses with employees have some form of government contract. Many experts say that the Clinton administration has "helped shape programs and made gains for the minority business community." The problem for blacks and their economic development is: The lack of black-owned business and commercial strips to handle black consumer demands; a negative image by African Americans of black-owned businesses and a lack of sufficient start-up capital for such businesses. Recent studies of black consumer spending shows \$70 billion a year spent on housing and

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Two house districts lose black majorities

By William Reed

WASHINGTON, DC—A divided federal judicial panel in Georgia has scrapped two of the state's three majority-black congressional districts, an action that stresses the uncertain fate of districts across the nation, created after the last Census. Lewis to enhance black representation in Congress. "I think that this is the opening of the floodgates, creating the potential to wipe out the Congressional Black Caucus, stand Penda Hair of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Under the new electoral map, the 11th District of Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D) and the Second District of Rep. Sanford Bishop (D) would no longer have majority-black voting populations. That would leave veteran civil rights leader, Rep. John Lewis's Atlanta-based district as the sole district among 11 with African Americans as the majority. Under the judges' new configuration McKinney and Bishop would reside in districts currently represented by two white Republicans, Reps. John Linder and Mac Collins, respectively. As a result of the plan Linder would lose the bulk of his current constituents and another white Republican, Rep. S. Saxby Chambliss, would no longer reside in the current Eighth District home base. But, House Speaker Newt Gingrich's Sixth District would remain virtually untouched.

In June the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Georgia's redistricting plan, saying the notion of equal oppor-

tunity is corrupted when legislative districts are drawn by purposely grouping together people on the basis of race. That left it to the Georgia legislature to draw a new plan, but lawmakers could not agree and left the politically charged decision to a federal court. Because of federal court rulings in the Georgia case and in one in Texas, lawsuits challenging majority-minority districts have been filed in six states. The outcome of these cases could change the racial composition of the House of Representatives, which now has 39 black and one, Carole Mosley-Braun, in the Senate. "Creating a majority-minority district would require this court to engage in the unconstitutional racial gerrymandering characteristic of the plan

we now replace. Georgians deserve a better fate," the judges wrote in a two to one opinion.

The outcome of the Georgia case is expected to have strong implications on redistricting in other states in Louisiana, North Carolina and Texas, each of which sent new blacks to Congress after the 1990 Census. U.S. House representatives such as: Cleo Fields of Louisiana's Fourth District; Eva Clayton of North Carolina's First District; Melvin Watt of the 12th District of North Carolina and Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas' 30TH District are in jeopardy of losing their seats. Texas also has two Hispanic-majority seats that could be affected by pending state legislation or judicial rulings.

As I See It

County family. Clemie, one of the old Newark Third Ward's popular "Allen Sisters," made her political and social statements wherever the Allen clan sisters and brothers lived in the Essex area.

They were known mostly as a strong political force who could practically guarantee the election of the politician of their choice and in cooperation with leaders in the black community helped to write much of the city's political history from 1950 to the late 1980s.

In recent years Clemie ran a private boutique and gained a reputation as a lady who could really dress

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in style. Her sisters, considered among Newark's best dressed women can attest to that.

Mrs. Diggs, a resident of East Orange at the time of her death, is survived by husband Joseph; daughters Delores Garrett and Cleopatra Diggs; two brothers Ezekiel and Arthur Allen and sisters Mary Stokes, Erma Mitchell and Eleanor Crutchfield of Plainfield; grand and great-grandchildren and a host of family members including her church family of Israel Memorial AME Church where she was a life-long active member and from where funeral services were held last Friday.

Sharpton refutes accusations

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Black Capitalism Plan initiated by Richard Nixon, the former President of the United States." He said the president, with federal money, built a city in North Carolina called Soul City. "If Nixon can build Soul City and have a federal program called Black Capitalism, how can you call it racist when ministers and activists say that we want to make sure blacks keep businesses in Harlem, the capital of black people all over the world."

Sharpton also addressed the charge of being an "outside agitator." He said that these kinds of "code words" were used during the Civil Rights movement. He said Dr. King was the most famous person branded with this label.

"It is strange to me," Sharpton said, "that the Mayor supports policemen living outside of the city and still living on the city payroll. The city pays the police out of tax dollars..." Sharpton said further, "He's the one that defends outsiders. He says that you can take from the city and not have to contribute if you are in the

police department. Let's define who the real outsider is!"

Reverend Timothy Mitchell, a long time friend of Sharpton's, paraphrased Ralph Abernathy, Dr. King's confidant during the Civil Rights Movement; "they're calling us outside agitators, but they don't know anything about washing machines." Mitchell said a washing machine has to have an agitator to rid clothing of dirt. "Al Sharpton is an outside agitator," Mitchell exclaimed. "Because we've got a lot of dirt in New York City!"

"We've got dirt in the police force! We've got dirt in the New York court system! I'm glad he's here to be an outside agitator to get the dirt out of New York City!" Charles Baron, another long time friend of Sharpton's, said. "This is a diversionary tactic to try and get us off course, reacting to

people that we don't have to pay any mind!"

Drawing a huge applause, Baron said: "We should never ever allow people again to determine who can help us, who is going to lead us, and who can't." Baron exclaimed, "We have to determine our leaders ourselves!" Baron also suggested that the 170,000 votes Sharpton received during a 1993 campaign for the Senate, "caused a threat to change the power equation in New York."

Mr. President

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written that I believe there is a mood among the citizenry-at-large which would accept cruel, punishing cuts even among the white needy, in order to punish what most of them believe to be the undeserving black masses.

This Republican budget balancing frenzy has "Willie Horton" and "Welfare Queen" written all over it. A battle is going on now for the "Soul of America," and President Clinton is wise enough to recognize it for what it is.

The question is whether he will stand his ground to call the people to a compassionate future laced with mercy and concern for our fellow human beings and the environment we live in, or would he compromise with those who would rule us for greed, or worse, for partisan politics?

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es of the Jewish-owned clothing store. Smith, a 51-year-old handyman and part-time vendor ordered into the two-story store, stormed the black people off the premises and opened fire with a .39-caliber gun. He shot and wounded three white men and a Guyanese worker and then set fire to the store, killing seven people in the store and himself. In Tampa, in 1986, he was convicted of assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest. Smith, whose sister resides in Tampa, also has a long police record in New York and Philadelphia and has spent time in federal prison.—HARLEM, NY

BLACK U.S. MARINE RESUMES TESTIMONY IN JAPAN CASE

Pfc. Redrick Harp, 21, has resumed his testimony in a Japan rape case. He is expected to say that the U.S. military forced him to falsely confess to the rape of a 12-year-old girl on the island of Okinawa. He last testified that Navy investigators dragged him out of bed before dawn and made him say he raped the girl. Private Harp, of Griffin GA., and two other servicemen—Navy Seaman Marcus Galt, 22, of Woodville, TX., and Marine Pfc. Kendrick Ledet, 20, of Waycross, GA., are charged with rape causing injury, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. The case has outraged people on Okinawa and led to demands that the U.S. close its military bases and remove its 27,000 troops.—JAPAN

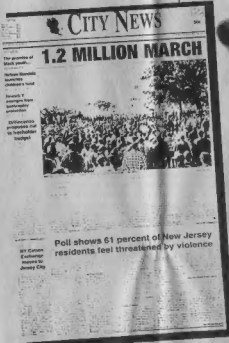
PREVAL NEXT PRESIDENT OF HAITI

Rene Preval, a hand-picked successor to Jean Bertrand Aristide, will be the next president of Haiti after taking 60 percent of the vote in that island country. Preval will take office Feb. 7, 1996. There was international disappointment over the low voter turnout in the December elections which drew only 30 percent of the potential voters on the island of seven million people.—HAITI

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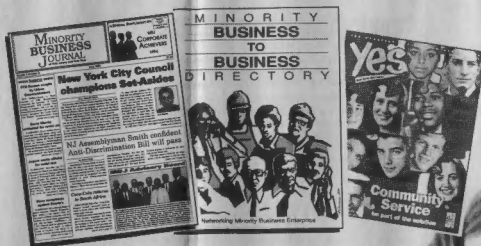
household products; \$52.5 billion on food beverages and tobacco; \$31.3 billion on vehicles and related services; \$24 billion on clothing and personal care and \$10 billion on entertainment, books and travel. To have any real impact on overall black economic development, blacks in business will have to expand in these areas as well as new and emerging technologies.



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